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Skagit County: Boil-water advisory ends for Cape Horn community

OLYMPIA — Residents of the Cape Horn community in Skagit County no longer have to boil their tap water. Lab tests confirm the water again meets safe drinking water standards.

The Cape Horn Maintenance Company, which provides water service to the area, issued the advisory on Oct. 9 after potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria were detected in the water. The advisory affected about 700 people in the residential and recreational community on the Skagit River a few miles southwest of Concrete.

The bacteria were detected during a routine water quality monitoring test. A state Department of Health regional engineer inspected the system on Oct. 10 and found no obvious source of contamination. However, she found weaknesses in the system-design that may have contributed to the problem as well as some minor maintenance needs.

The water system operator resolved the maintenance needs, and a consulting engineer will evaluate the system design and recommend changes.

The water system operator repeatedly disinfected the water system with chlorine, flushed the chlorine out of the water lines, and collected water samples to be tested for bacteria while the advisory was in effect. The most recent set of water samples was satisfactory.

Cape Horn customers with questions about their water quality can call 360-466-4443.

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